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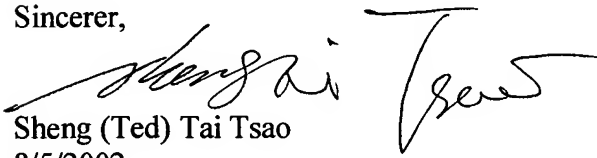
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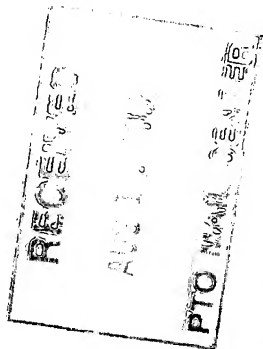
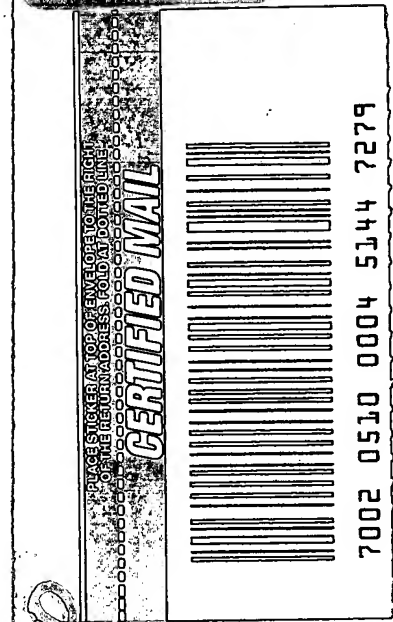
I am, Sheng (Ted) Tai Tsao, applying for provisional patent for "Distributed Virtual SAN" on behave of myself. Attached please find

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- 3: The Assignment.
- 4: The Public Notary.
- 5: The 10 pages of the specification for "Distributed Virtual SAN" (1 – 10), 5 pages of 6 FIGURES of the diagrams for the specification (11 – 15), and 1 page of abstraction (16).

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